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## FWP Commission Adopted

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission (FWPC) in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. These regulations were adopted by the FWPC on February 16, 2012. The FWPC reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Joe Maurier, Director.

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## 2012 Season Dates

These dates represent the “general” season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

### Big Game

Antelope	
900 series .....	Aug 15–Nov 11
archery .....	Sept 1–Oct 5
general .....	Oct 6–Nov 11
Bighorn Sheep	
archery .....	Sept 5–Sept 14
general .....	Sept 15–Nov 25
Bison .....	Nov 15–Feb 15, 2013
Black bear	
spring .....	Apr 15–Various
	(May 15/June 15)
archery .....	Sept 1–Sept 14
fall .....	Sept 15–Nov 25
Deer & Elk	
archery .....	Sept 1–Oct 14
youth, two-day hunt	
deer only .....	Oct 18–Oct 19
general .....	Oct 20–Nov 25
backcountry – HD's 150, 151, 280, 316	
archery .....	Sept 1–Sept 14
general .....	Sept 15–Nov 25
Moose .....	Sept 15–Nov 25
Mountain Goat .....	Sept 15–Nov 25
Mountain Lion	
archery .....	Sept 1–Oct 14
fall .....	Oct 20–Nov 25
winter .....	Dec 1–Apr 14, 2013

### Upland Game Birds

Mountain Grouse .....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2013
Partridge .....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2013
Pheasant .....	Oct 6–Jan 1, 2013
Sage Grouse .....	Sept 1–Nov 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse .....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2013
Turkey	
spring .....	Apr 14–May 20
fall .....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2013

## 2012 Application/Purchase Deadlines

### Big Game

Antelope .....	June 1
Bighorn Sheep.....	May 1
Bison.....	May 1
Black Bear	
spring.....	Apr 14*
fall.....	Aug 31*
Deer & Elk	
special permits.....	Mar 15
special licenses .....	June 1
Moose.....	May 1
Mountain Goat.....	May 1
Mountain Lion	
general license.....	Aug 31*
special limited entry .....	Aug 31
Super Tags	
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison,	
Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat	
and Mountain Lion t.....	July 5

### Upland Game, Migratory and Webless Migratory Birds

Crane.....	July 26
Swan.....	Sept 6
Turkey	
spring .....	Mar 8
fall .....	July 26

\*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.

## Reminders for 2012

- **March 15** is now the application deadline for all deer and elk special permits.
- The deadline to purchase all Super Tags is **July 5**.
- Special Considerations for Hunters with a Disability and Youth Hunters, pages 45-46.
- The Subject Index is on page 4.

## What's New? Highlights

Each species (Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat) has it's own section which includes the map(s), hunting district regulations and legal descriptions. Blue tabs identify the Moose section, green tabs identify the Bighorn Sheep section and lime green tabs identify the Mountain Goat section.

The following changes for the 2012 hunting season are only highlights. A complete listing of FWP Commission-adopted changes for the 2012 hunting season is available at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

### Moose

- Region 1 either-sex licenses changed to antlered bull licenses in HDs 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 110, 111, 112, 121, 122, 125, 140, 141 and 150. Closed HD 130
- Region 3 opened HDs 306, 307 and 310; changes in 319, 325, 326, 327, 340, 341 and 350; boundary changes in HDs 380 and 390.

### Bighorn Sheep

- Region 1 boundary changes in HDs 121 and 122.
- Region 2 opened HDs 210 and 216.
- Region 3 changes in HDs 301 and 302.

### Mountain Goat

- Region 2 changes in HD 240. Closed HD 250.
- Region 4 removed HD 451 and created HD 453.

## Laws and Regulations

These regulations contain information to safely and legally participate in Montana's Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt legally and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

Be Safe  
Be Legal  
Be Responsible!

## Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

### Private Land

- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.
- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.
- See page 46 for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

### Public Land

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
  - National Parks
  - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.

### Off Road Travel and Game Retrieval

- While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission.
- Off road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open. Consult appropriate land agency or land map for specifics.
- All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the FWP Commission.

## Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

## State Game Preserves

State game preserves may or may not be open to limited hunting. See Areas Closed or Limited to Hunting Methods for Big Game.

## State School Trust Lands

- A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on state land overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

## State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the big game hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to May 15 each year, as posted.

**Exception:** There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 47 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

[fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wildlifeManagementAreas](http://fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wildlifeManagementAreas)

## Stream Access

Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission.

## Tribal Land

Contact the respective Tribal Government office. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 47.

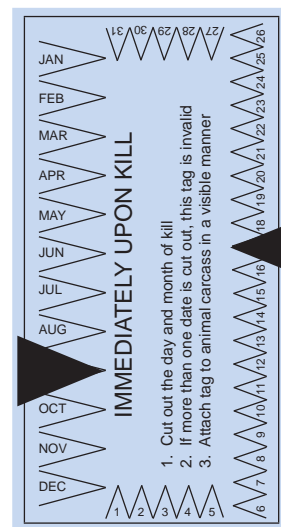
## License and Permit Possession

- Licenses and permits must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- Licenses and permits must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

## License Validation After Harvest

### License Validation and Tagging

- Immediately after killing a game animal, a hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal in a secure and visible manner.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
  - the triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely removed. Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.
- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.



## Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of an animal's sex and species must remain naturally attached until the carcass:
  - Is at the final place of storage; or
  - Cut and wrapped in serving size; or
  - Is at commercial meat processing facility; or
  - Is at licensed taxidermist
- If the head or antlers are removed, evidence of sex in the form of testicles, penis, scrotum, udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. For example, boned out or quartered animals need evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.



## Methods & Means of Hunting

### Firearms

#### General Season

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
- Muzzleloaders, shotguns, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.
- The possession of firearms with silencers while afield is illegal.

### Archery Equipment

Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas.

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
- Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any archery only season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria.

- Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs
- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.
- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.
  - Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.
- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.

- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent. It is recognized that variations in draw length and/or draw weight can affect the percent of let-off on compound bows. For these reasons minor variations in let-off are acceptable.

- Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.

- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.

- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

• The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
- A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

### Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply only to Weapons Restriction Areas:

- **Muzzleloader:**
  - must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
  - may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
  - must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
  - must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
  - must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
  - may have no more than two barrels; and
  - must only use plain lead projectiles. Sabots or other similar power and

range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

#### • Traditional Handguns:

- is not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- has a barrel length of less than 10 1/2 inches;
- chambers only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

#### • Shotgun:

- a shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

#### • Archery:

- See legal archery equipment in this section.

#### • Crossbows:

- Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

## Prohibited Methods of Hunting

### Airplane Spotting

- Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:
  - hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne
  - providing information to another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

### Artificial Light

It is illegal for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light.

### Baiting

- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

### Dogs

Montana law states that a person may not use dogs to hunt or chase game animals. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded big game.

### Game Calls

It is illegal to use a recorded or electrically amplified game call to hunt big game.

### Motion-Tracking or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

## Motorized Vehicles

- It is illegal for anyone to:
- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

## Night Vision Equipment

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

## Public Roadways

It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway.

## Two-way Communication

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture."), or
- avoid game checking stations, FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

## Waste of Game

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food."
- For big game animals (excluding mountain lions) all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

## General Regulations

### It is illegal to:

- Party hunt. Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.
- Interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.

## Antler/Horn/Skull Possession

Individuals may possess, transport, sell, or purchase naturally shed antlers, or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been illegally or accidentally killed. Road-killed animals have not died from natural causes. **It is illegal to possess a bighorn sheep head/horn picked up in the wild.**

## Check Stations

All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

## Glandular Scents

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals or game birds by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

## Hunter Orange Requirement

### Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

### Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing bighorn sheep during the Archery Only Season or in archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general season (firearm) for moose, bighorn sheep, and/or mountain goat must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

## Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset tables listed at the end of these regulations.

## Incidental Harvest Resulting In An Illegally Taken Animal

- If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an illegally taken animal, you should notify an FWP warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.
- Do NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

## Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP enforcement for inspection when requested.

## Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

## Littering

A person convicted of littering while hunting, fishing, trapping or camping may lose his or her license and privileges to hunt, fish, trap, or camp within Montana for a period of one year.

## Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):

- Examples of an OHV include but are not limited to: motorcycles, quadricycles (also known as 4-wheelers), dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.
- In order to operate an OHV on public lands, the OHV must have a valid/current registration and display an OHV decal.
- Nonresidents must register their OHV in their home state or purchase a temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Use permit from Montana FWP. The permit is \$5 and expires on December 31 of the year issued.
- OHV permits may be purchased from some FWP License Providers, some Vendors (such as a private OHV dealership), or download an application at [fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/applications](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/applications). For a complete listing of where nonresident OHV permits are available, check the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

## Outfitters and Guides

It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2373.

## Predators and Nongame Hunting

- Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license, or a state school trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.



- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dogs.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid trapping license during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

### Restitution for Illegally Taken Wildlife

- Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of illegally killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. Current law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$ 8,000
Antlered Deer	\$ 8,000
Moose	\$ 6,000
Mountain Goat	\$ 6,000
Antelope	\$ 2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$ 8,000

(\*no authorized hunting season)

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the FWP Commission to adopt more specific criteria.
- For the purpose of assessing restitution for illegally taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered "trophy" animals:
  - **Antelope:** With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.
  - **Elk:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least six points on one antler, 2) A main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) An inside spread of at least 36 inches.
  - **OR**  
Any elk with at least one six point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.
  - **Mule Deer:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.
  - **OR**  
Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.
  - **White-tailed Deer:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine),

2) A main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

### OR

Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

- A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any Boone & Crockett measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official Boone & Crockett score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

### Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute or FWP commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

### Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport properly tagged animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" and that were lawfully taken by the license holder. If you have specific questions please contact FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452.
- All shippers of fish, game or nongame birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, the skins of fur-bearing animals or predatory animals, or parts thereof are required to label all packages offered for shipment by parcel post or common carrier (airlines or UPS, etc.). The label must be securely attached to the address of the package and shall plainly indicate the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the complete contents of the package. It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an illegally taken game animal across state boundaries.
  - It is illegal to ship, possess, or take out of state illegally killed game, game birds, and/or furbearers. If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between Montana and Canada or between the United States and any foreign country, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must

complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration form (Form 3-177). Form 3-177 is available at all United States customs ports and on the USFWS website at [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov). For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-335-4350.

### Chronic Wasting Disease –

- CWD has not been detected in free ranging deer, elk, or moose in Montana, but has been detected in captive elk on a game farm.
- As of March, 2011, and because of concerns about the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario have instituted regulations prohibiting the import of certain deer, elk, or moose carcass parts.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.
- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Only the following carcass parts may be transported into Montana from those states:
  - Meat that is cut and wrapped.
  - Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
  - Meat that has been boned out.
  - Hides with no heads attached.
  - Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
  - Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
  - Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers", "whistlers" or "ivories".
  - Finished head, partial body or whole body mounts already prepared by a taxidermist.
  - Keep in mind that "Evidence of Sex Requirements" must always be met when transporting any of these parts back into Montana.

### Furbearer Traps

- It is illegal to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters should not shoot trapped animals.

## Areas Closed or Limited to Hunting Methods For Big Game

**Bear Creek WMA:** Refer to FS maps.

**Brinkman Game Preserve:** The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW 1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE 1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

**Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area:** Closed to hunting of big game except as designated under hunting regulations. Section 28 and 33, and W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section 34, T8N, R2E, Sections 4, 8, W1/2 and W1/2 of the E1/2 Section 9, NW1/4 Section 16, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and N1/2 Section 30, T7N, R2E, E1/2 of E1/2 Section 11, Section 12, E1/2 of NW1/4 and E1/2 Section 13 and E1/2 of E1/2 Section 24, T7N, R1E.

**Ear Mountain WMA:** Legal description and map available from the FWP Region 4, Great Falls office 406-454-5840.

**East Ovando Archery-only Area:** Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said Road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said Route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

**Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area:** Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

**Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, Teton County:** As posted.

**Gallatin Special Management Area (Bacon Rind and Buffalo Horn Units):**

**Bacon Rind:** Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying the following boundary description: Beginning at the confluence of Buffalo Horn Creek and the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snow Flake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide in the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to its northwestern most intersection with the Gallatin River, then down said river to the point of beginning.

**Buffalo Horn:** Those portions of Gallatin County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snowflake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge to its intersection with USFS Trail 151, then southeasterly along said trail to Lodgepole Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then easterly along said divide to Yellowstone National Park boundary, then north along said boundary to the point of beginning.

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner

of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

**Kuhns Wildlife Management Area:** Legal description and map available from FWP Region 1, Kalispell office 406-752-5501.

**Lake Bowdoin Migratory Waterfowl Refuge:** Closed to hunting of big game.

**Lake Helena Wildlife Management Area:** Closed to all big game hunting except as designated under hunting regulations. Portions of the north half of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 3 West.

**Lee Metcalf Refuge:** Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area:** That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

**Lincoln Closed Area:** Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

**McLean Game Preserve:** SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, T28N, R3W; S1/2, S1/2NE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 6, T28N, R3W; N1/2N1/2 of Section 7, T28N, R3W; NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 8, T28N, R3W; N1/2 of Section 1, T28N, R4W, Pondera County.

**Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Portions open to big game hunting.

**Milk River Wildlife Management Area:** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations.

**Prickly Pear Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Those portions of Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the north end of the split median of Interstate 15, on the north boundary of Section 31, T12N, R3W, then southerly along Interstate 15 for approximately two miles to the north boundary of Section 5, T11N, R3W, then east along the north boundary of Sections 5 and 4 to Collins Drive, then south along Collins Drive to its junction with Snowdrift Road, then easterly along Snowdrift Road until Snowdrift Road becomes Mountain Meadows Road, then easterly along Mountain Meadows Road to a junction with Countryside Road, then southeasterly along Countryside Road to Hauser Lake, then southerly along the western shore of said lake and across the entrance of the Causeway Arm, then southerly along the south shore of the Causeway Arm to the Causeway and Lake Helena Drive, then southerly along said drive to US Highway 12-287, then westerly along US Highway 12-287 to Route 518 at East Helena, then southerly along said route to the junction with Interstate 15, then across Interstate 15 to Montana City and the Jackson Creek Road, then westerly along the Jackson Creek Road to its junction with the Clark Gulch Road, then west along said route to its junction with the Holmes Gulch Road then westerly along said route to the national forest boundary, then northerly along the national forest boundary along the west edge of Sections 7 and 6, T9N, R3W, then west along the south boundary of Section 36, then north along the west boundary of Section 36, then west along the south boundary of Section 26, then north along the west boundary of Section 26 to LeGrande Cannon Boulevard, then in a westerly and northerly direction along LeGrande Cannon Boulevard to US

Highway 12, then across US Highway 12 onto County Route 602 (also known as Williams Street and then the Birdseye Road), then northerly along said route to State Highway 279, then easterly along State Highway 279 to its junction with Lone Mountain Road, then northerly along said road for two miles to the junction with Woodland Hills Road, then east on said road to Green Meadow Road, then north on said road to the southwest corner of Section 36, then east along the south boundary of Section 36, then north along the east boundary of Section 36, then east along the north boundary of Section 31 to its intersection with Interstate 15, the point of beginning.

**Rookery Wildlife Management Area (as posted):** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations.

**Seeley Lake Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

**Sun River Game Preserve:** Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

**Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA), Teton County:** All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

**Townsend Weapon Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

## Moose • Bighorn Sheep • Mountain Goat Drawing Statistics

The statistics on this page are from the 2011 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2011 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the "proposed" quotas as adopted at the February FWP Commission meeting. The FWP Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points or the nonresident limit of up to 10% of the quota. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers and district specific bonus point information, visit our website at [fwp.mt.gov/Hunt Planner](http://fwp.mt.gov/Hunt_Planner)

### Key:

LPT =License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

– Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st choice applicants.

– Suc = Total number of 1st choice applicants that were successful.

% Suc = Percentage of 1st choice applicants that were successful.

### MOOSE

LPT	– Apps	– Suc	% Suc	LPT	– Apps	– Suc	% Suc
100-00	416	12	2.88	315-20	176	6	3.41
101-00	452	12	2.65	319-10	8	1	12.50
102-00	1809	14	0.77	319-20	70	2	2.86
103-00	118	3	2.54	320-10	45	3	6.67
104-00	187	5	2.67	320-20	349	3	0.86
105-00	1165	20	1.72	322-20	82	2	2.44
106-00	643	12	1.87	323-10	87	5	5.75
110-00	793	12	1.51	323-20	319	6	1.88
111-00	595	10	1.68	324-00	21	1	4.76
112-00	184	3	1.63	324-10	72	3	4.17
121-00	188	4	2.13	324-20	351	6	1.71
122-00	361	4	1.11	325-10	16	1	6.25
125-00	165	3	1.82	325-20	145	2	1.38
126-20	67	1	1.49	326-10	2	1	50.00
130-00	51	1	1.96	326-20	67	2	2.99
140-00	145	2	1.38	327-10	19	1	5.26
141-00	133	2	1.50	327-20	132	3	2.27
150-00	25	1	4.00	329-20	85	5	5.88
210-20	404	4	0.99	330-10	32	2	6.25
211-20	129	2	1.55	330-20	651	3	0.46
212-20	393	4	1.02	331-10	99	5	5.05
214-20	40	1	2.50	331-20	1330	8	0.60
215-20	201	2	1.00	332-10	85	5	5.88
220-20	128	3	2.34	332-20	758	8	1.06
230-20	362	4	1.10	333-10	18	1	5.56
240-20	124	3	2.42	333-20	110	2	1.82
250-20	106	3	2.83	334-10	63	6	9.52
261-20	179	2	1.12	334-20	411	5	1.22
270-20	258	3	1.16	335-20	155	3	1.94
280-20	74	2	2.70	340-10	20	1	5.00
285-20	128	2	1.56	340-20	173	2	1.16
291-20	55	2	3.64	341-10	13	1	7.69
292-20	172	3	1.74	341-20	87	2	2.30
293-20	367	2	0.54	350-10	10	1	10.00
300-10	107	7	6.54	350-20	109	3	2.75
300-20	621	8	1.29	360-20	117	5	4.27
301-10	101	3	2.97	361-20	180	5	2.78
301-20	227	5	2.20	362-20	69	2	2.90
302-10	6	1	16.67	380-10	72	2	2.78
302-20	81	2	2.47	380-20	466	5	1.07
303-10	31	2	6.45	382-20	100	3	3.00
303-20	387	6	1.55	390-20	115	2	1.74
304-20	89	4	4.49	415-20	125	3	2.40
308-20	63	4	6.35	494-00	675	6	0.89
309-20	96	3	3.13	496-00	291	4	1.37
311-20	279	5	1.79	513-20	189	3	1.59
312-20	359	3	0.84	514-20	537	4	0.74
313-20	111	5	4.50	516-20	169	3	1.78
314-20	106	6	5.66	600-00	150	2	1.33

### BIGHORN SHEEP

LPT	– Apps	– Suc	% Suc
100-00	302	2	0.66
102-00	187	1	0.53
121-00	1910	10	0.52
121-30	21	1	4.76
122-00	624	6	0.96
122-30	44	8	18.18
123-00	216	4	1.85
123-30	4	1	25.00
124-00	600	8	1.33
124-30	7	1	14.29
203-00	589	5	0.85
203-30	39	15	38.46
212-00	323	1	0.31
250-00	95	2	2.11
250-10	37	1	2.70
261-00	518	5	0.97
270-00	378	2	0.53
300-20	27	27	100
301-10	400	5	1.25
302-00	334	2	0.60
303-20	23	23	100
304-00	77	1	1.30
305-10	95	1	1.05
315-00	291	2	0.69
421-00	406	2	0.49
422-00	1329	4	0.30
422-30	54	5	9.26
423-00	375	3	0.80
423-30	10	1	10.00
424-00	762	4	0.52
424-30	23	5	21.74
441-00	197	5	2.54
455-00	194	1	0.52
482-00	4536	15	0.33
482-30	46	10	21.74
482-31	6	5	83.33
500-20	15	15	100
501-20	38	38	100
502-20	15	15	100
503-00	259	3	1.16
622-00	1476	7	0.47
622-30	12	1	8.33
680-00	6820	25	0.37
680-30	65	30	46.15
680-31	32	30	93.75

### MOUNTAIN GOAT

LPT	– Apps	– Suc	% Suc
100-00	605	6	0.99
101-00	105	2	1.90
131-00	358	2	0.56
132-00	159	2	1.26
133-00	68	2	2.94
134-00	84	1	1.19
140-00	173	2	1.16
141-00	90	2	2.22
142-00	22	1	4.55
150-00	60	2	3.33
151-00	28	1	3.57
240-00	33	1	3.03
240-01	89	1	1.12
240-02	80	1	1.25
240-03	41	1	2.44
240-04	78	1	1.28
240-05	88	1	1.14
240-06	43	1	2.33
240-07	80	1	1.25
240-08	67	1	1.49
250-00	46	1	2.17
250-01	31	1	3.23
312-00	582	8	1.37
313-00	2098	69	3.29
314-00	359	14	3.90
316-00	291	12	4.12
320-00	415	3	0.72
323-00	569	26	4.57
324-00	138	6	4.35
325-00	120	4	3.33
326-00	138	6	4.35
327-00	175	4	2.29
328-00	65	2	3.08
329-00	380	25	6.58
330-00	112	6	5.36
331-00	212	3	1.42
362-00	102	6	5.88
393-00	1695	5	0.29
414-00	71	1	1.41
415-00	108	3	2.78
442-00	104	1	0.96
447-00	891	2	0.22
451-00	600	1	0.17
460-00	795	6	0.75
514-00	168	2	1.19
517-00	300	4	1.33
518-00	176	3	1.70
519-00	48	1	2.08



## Obtain A License Or Permit

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a special drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

### Online Licensing

- You may apply for special permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., MST, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index> and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard or Visa credit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a conservation license through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online. See Residency.
- Don't wait until the last minute to buy your hunting license on line as carcass tags are mailed to you within 10 days of your purchase.
- All online license purchases and applications are final, and cannot be changed or withdrawn.

### Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

## Residency

- It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

### Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days

immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;

- register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
- be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
- not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

### Nonresident

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana.

### Armed Forces

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's dependent who resides in the member's Montana household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses if:
  - the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency at the time the member entered the armed forces and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,

- the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for a least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

## Prerequisites

### Conservation License

- Each license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for special licenses/permits. Most licenses can be purchased from any FWP License Provider beginning mid January.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through special drawings.

### Hunting Access Enhancement Fee

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education Requirements

- If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

### Bow and Arrow License Requirements

- A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during the bighorn sheep Archery Only Season.

### Bowhunter Education Requirements

- To purchase a Montana bow and arrow license, a hunter must:
  - Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
  - Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you previously held such a license. The affidavit is available at all FWP License Providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's Montana bow and arrow license.

- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

## License Type

### Conservation License

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. Includes the state lands recreation license (for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes).

### General License

Resident general licenses may be purchased from any FWP License Provider, including online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov). They are available to all residents and may be used throughout the state according to the regulations. Nonresidents may apply for/purchase general licenses specified for nonresidents in the Licenses Available Chart. Please refer to the hunting district regulations to see how, when and where a general license may be used in each hunting district or portion of a hunting district.

### Hunting License

- A hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt the species identified on the license according to the regulations.
- Some licenses are valid only in a portion or portions of a hunting district. Carefully review the legal description of the district for which you are applying. A copy of the "portion of district" legal description is available: online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov), click on "hunt planner" OR by mail from the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Wildlife Division, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or email [fwpwld@mt.gov](mailto:fwpwld@mt.gov).

### Replacements

Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.

#### It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a duplicate.
- Possess an original as well as a duplicate license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.

### Special License

- A special license is generally available through the special drawing process. It allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period, usually for a specific sex and age class of animal.

### Unlimited Over-the-Counter License

- Certain bighorn sheep licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers or via the special drawing.
- The license purchase deadline is May 1.
- If you purchase an unlimited over-the-counter license, you cannot apply for the same species through the special drawing process.

## SuperTag Lottery

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances @ \$5 each
Bighorn Sheep	July 5
Moose	
Mountain Goat	
Antelope	
Bison	
Deer	
Elk	
Mountain Lion	

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

### Availability of Licenses & Permits

**Purchase your fishing license, hunting license(s) and apply for special drawings online**  
<https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>

### Drawing Applications and Deadlines

- Resident moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat (MSG) applications are available at FWP License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- Nonresidents may download an MSG application from the FWP website or may call 406-444-2950 to request an MSG application through the mail.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online as safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.
- You may have your application entered directly into the system at an FWP office or you may mail in your application. If the MSG application is mailed, it must be postmarked on or before May 1. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark cannot be accepted.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the special drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the FWP Commission which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- For specific special license/permit opportunities please refer to the hunting district regulations where you will find a complete listing of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

## Bonus Points

- The fee to participate in the voluntary bonus-point system is \$2 for Montana residents and \$20 for nonresidents, payable with the license and application fees. You must pay the fee when applying to use or gain bonus points.

Here's how it works:

- Applicants accumulate one bonus point for each unsuccessful year. The bonus points essentially becomes extra chances in future drawings. Bonus points are squared, and you would get that many extra chances. For example, applicants would have one chance to be drawn the first year they apply. If unsuccessful, they would have two chances to be drawn the following year and five chances the next year, and so on until they received the license. Once successful, the applicant loses all bonus points for that species
- Bonus points are accumulated independently for each species and only apply to "first-choice" districts. An applicant may skip two consecutive

years of participation without forfeiting accumulated points, but if an applicant skips the third year—or has errors that eliminate the applicant from the drawing—all accumulated points for that species will be lost. There is an exemption for Montana residents with full-time active military status.

- Rejection of an application because of applicant error is equivalent to failure to apply.
- Points are non-transferable.
- Applicants cannot apply just for a bonus point. You must apply correctly for the license and be unsuccessful to get a bonus point.
- FWP will contact bonus-point participants each year by postcard to report their accumulated points. Bonus-point status is also available online. It will be the applicant's responsibility to report AND provide proof of any discrepancies.
- If you should have, but did not receive this postcard, and wish to participate in the bonus point system, please call Special Licensing at 406-444-2950.

## Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable drawing fee for each license or permit you apply for. The \$5 fee covers the cost of printing and processing the application.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident – in full or in part – fees for licenses and/or special drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:
 

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/12	100%
Death of family member	12/31/12	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/12	90%

## Call Special Licensing at 406-444-2950

- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than \$5.
- For additional information on special drawings for big game hunting.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office or check the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

## Special Drawing Results

dates are approximate		
Species	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat	Third week of June	End of June
Super Tags for: Moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat	After July 16	NA
Check for drawing results at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">fwp.mt.gov</a>		

## Youth & Hunters With A Disability – Opportunities

### Youth Hunter

Age	Available To	Opportunities and Special Requirements
11	Resident & Nonresident	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013, may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After August 15, 2012, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.</li> <li>• Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase.</li> <li>• Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.</li> </ul>
12-13	Resident & Nonresident	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-17	Resident Only	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	Resident Only	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
12-17	Nonresident Only	Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$474.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950

## Hunters with a Disability

### Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may purchase a conservation license for \$8 which includes fishing, warm water fishing license, upland game bird (excluding turkey), state waterfowl license, and state lands recreational use license for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes.
- The license holder may also purchase a deer A and general elk license at a discounted price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.



### Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially non-ambulatory, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTHFV.
- Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. A copy of these regulations will be provided at the time of certification. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.

### Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

## General Information

### Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, private landowners agree to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. Each FWP region annually publishes a regional Hunting Access Guide by August 15th that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at (406) 444-2602.

### Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game –

- It is wise to review the proper ways to handle wild meat:
  - Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
  - Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
  - Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

### Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

### Tapeworm: Protect your Pets

Domestic dogs can pick up a parasite (*Echinococcus granulosus*) by eating carcasses or organs from infected deer, elk or moose. The domestic dog can then pass it to humans in its feces. If your dog does have access to carcasses, talk to your veterinarian about an appropriate deworming strategy.

### Weed Control and Weed-Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed-free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on federal lands.

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact :



MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute  
700 SW Higgins Ave – Ste 250  
Missoula MT 59803.  
877-243-5511.  
<http://montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu/>



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1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,  
Helena, MT 59620-0701 ..... 406-444-2535  
**Harvest Reporting .... 1-877-FWP-WILD or 1-877-397-9453**  
**Quota Status ..... 1-800-385-7826**  
 Hunter Education..... 406-444-9948  
 Wildlife ..... 406-444-2612  
 Enforcement ..... 406-444-2452  
 Parks Division (Montana State Parks)..... 406-444-3750  
 Deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep,  
 mountain goat, and all special drawings ..... 406-444-2950  
 Resident and nonresident licensing for  
 fishing, upland game birds, migratory birds,  
 black bear, and mountain lion ..... 406-444-2535  
 Telephone Device for the Deaf ..... 406-444-1200

### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

<b>REGION 1</b> 490 N Meridian Rd Kalispell, MT 59901 406-752-5501	<b>LEWISTOWN Area Res Office (LARO)</b> 215 W Aztec Dr PO Box 938 Lewistown, MT 59457 406-538-4658
<b>REGION 2</b> 3201 Spurgin Rd Missoula, MT 59804 406-542-5500	<b>REGION 5</b> 2300 Lake Elmo Dr Billings, MT 59105 406-247-2940
<b>REGION 3</b> 1400 South 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bozeman, MT 59718-5496 406-994-4042	<b>REGION 6</b> 54078 US Hwy 2 W Glasgow, MT 59230 406-228-3700
<b>HELENA Area Res Office (HARO)</b> 930 Custer Ave W Helena, MT 59620 406-495-3260	<b>HAVRE Area Res Office (HVARO)</b> 2165 Hwy 2 East Havre, MT 59501 406-265-6177
<b>BUTTE Area Res Office (BARO)</b> 1820 Meadowlark Ln Butte, MT 59701 406-494-1953	<b>REGION 7</b> 352 I-94 Business Loop PO Box 1630 Miles City, MT 59301 406-234-0900
<b>REGION 4</b> 4600 Giant Springs Rd Great Falls, MT 59405 406-454-5840	

### Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

#### Montana State Agencies

Agriculture  
406-444-3144  
 Guides & Outfitters  
406-841-2373  
 Livestock  
406-444-2977  
 State Lands  
406-444-2074  
 Tourism  
406-841-2870

#### Federal Agencies

US Department of Interior  
202-208-3100  
 US Fish & Wildlife Service  
406-449-5225  
 US Forest Service  
406-449-5201

#### Federal Agencies continued

Bureau of Land Management  
406-896-5000  
 National Weather Service  
406-329-4840 (Missoula)

#### Tribal Lands

Blackfeet Reservation  
406-338-7276  
 Crow Reservation  
406-638-2601  
 Flathead Reservation  
406-675-2700  
 Fort Belknap  
406-353-2205  
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2012 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	NonResident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Conservation	\$8.00	\$10.00		Required prerequisite license. Residents 12 -14 and 62 & older includes free season fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey) and state migratory license.
Antelope (900 Archery) Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	
Antelope Disabled Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope drawing application required. For information call (406) 444-2950. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Antelope Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Big Game Combination - General Drawing		\$944.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Big Game Combo Youth (12 to 17)		\$474.50		Sales begin March 1. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Bighorn Sheep Drawing	\$80.00	\$755.00	May 1*	Residents will have to pay an additional \$50 if successful. See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Bison Drawing	\$125	\$750	May 1*	There is a \$5.00 drawing fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Black Bear	\$19.00	\$350.00	Spring - April 14 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates but then there is a 5-day wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow	\$10.00	\$10.00		
College Student Combination		\$70.00		Certification at FWP office required. For information call (406) 444-2950. Available after September 10.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Antelope	\$7.00	\$100.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer, General	\$8.00	\$125.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer B	\$5.00	\$37.50		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt - Deer Combination		\$561.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt - Big Game Combination		\$944.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Deer – General, Disabled	\$6.50			
Deer – General	\$16.00			
Deer – General, Senior	\$10.00			
Deer – General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$6.50			
Deer B – Over-the-Counter and Single Region Antlerless	\$10.00	\$75.00		Over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 6.
Deer B Drawing	\$15.00	\$80.00	June 1*	
Deer Combination - General Drawing		\$561.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF
Deer Combination - Landowner Sponsored Drawing		\$561.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF
Deer Permit Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	March 15*	Drawing fee only - must be used with general deer license.
Disabled Conservation License	\$8.00			Includes free upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & state waterfowl.
Elk – General, Disabled	\$8.00			
Elk – General	\$20.00			
Elk – General, Senior - (62 +)	\$12.00			
Elk – General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$8.00			
Elk B License - Drawing	\$25.00	\$278.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
Elk B License Over-The-Counter	\$20.00	\$273.00		Antlerless only - over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 6.

**Key:** \* = Must be postmarked on or before deadline date.  
 \*\* = Must be received by 5 pm. MST on deadline date.



2012 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	NonResident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Elk Combination - General Drawing		\$794.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Elk Permit Drawing	\$9.00	\$9.00	March 15*	Must have current year general elk license to apply - must be used with general elk license.
Hound Training License	\$5.00			
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)	\$2.00	\$10.00		Annual fee charged when hunter purchases first hunting license each year.
Migratory (12 - 15)	FREE	\$35.00		Need only a conservation license. Federal Stamp is not required. Nonresident includes an Upland Bird License.
Migratory (16 - 61)	\$6.50	\$50.00		Federal Stamp also required.
Migratory (62 and older)	FREE	\$50.00		Need only a conservation license. Federal Stamp is also required.
Moose Drawing	\$80.00	\$755.00	May 1*	Residents will have to pay additional \$50 if successful. See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details.
Montana Born Relative Bird License	\$30.00			For former resident with current resident relative, other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Montana Born Relative Deer License	\$60.00			For former resident with current resident relative, other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950
Montana Born Relative Elk License	\$80.00			For former resident with current resident relative, other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950
Mountain Goat Drawing	\$80.00	\$755.00	May 1*	Residents will have to pay additional \$50 if successful. See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details.
Mountain Lion - General License	\$19.00	\$320	August 31	Can purchase after deadline date but then there is a 5-day wait period to use license.
Mountain Lion Special License - Limited Entry Drawing	\$19.00	\$320	August 31**	Drawing fee is only \$5.00. The license cost must be paid if successful.
Mountain Lion Trophy	\$50.00	\$50.00		Must be purchased after mountain lion kill.
Off Highway Temporary Use Decal		\$5.00		
Sandhill Crane Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	July 26**	Drawing fee only.
Sportsman - Military Recognition	\$2.00			Must go through certification process at FWP offices - includes conservation, season fishing, State lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), deer & elk. \$2.00 fee is for HAEF.
Sportsman with Bear	\$85.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, bear, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear	\$70.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear - (Youth - 12 - 17)	\$25.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear - Free Youth (12 - 17)	FREE			For first-time ever hunting after completion of Hunter Education course. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
State Lands (12-17)	\$5.00			
State Lands (18-59)	\$10.00			
State Lands (60 +)	\$5.00			
State Lands (Family)	\$20.00			
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Sept 6**	Drawing fee only.
Turkey General License	\$6.50	\$115.00		If nonresident has purchased Upland Bird then turkey tags are \$55 each.
Turkey Permit Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Spring - March 8* Fall - July 26**	Drawing fee only - if successful need to purchase turkey license and upland game bird license.
Upland Bird	\$7.50	\$110.00		
Upland Bird - (Youth 15 - 17)	\$3.00			
Upland Bird - 3 Day Preserve		\$20.00		Valid only on state-licensed shooting preserves
Upland Bird & Migratory (12 - 15)		\$35.00		Federal Waterfowl stamp not required.
Wolf	\$19.00	\$350.00	August 31	Can purchase after the season opens but then there is a 5-day wait period to use the license.

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